

## DAVID BENJAIH

We, the Members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, offer our heartfelt gratitude to David Benjaih for his service as the representative of nontraditional students on the Board.

David has been a steadfast and vocal advocate for his constituency, and never wavered from his beliefs in the rightness of his cause.

David's service was marked most notably for his consistent and outspoken positions on the issue of public university noninstructional capital projects that have come before the Board. His questioning of the process for approving such projects resulted in the Board adopting new rules on notices of intent to better inform Board Members.

We also commend David for his participation in the IBHE Student Advisory Committee where he was a staunch and frank advocate for his point of view and vision of student interests.

David brought a perspective to the Board that had seldom been articulated in the past, and his insights as a nontraditional student assisted Board Members in their deliberations about affordability, review of academic programs, and the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*.

The Board has profited from David's willful advocacy, and we wish him success in his future educational and career endeavors.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education  
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